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To Whom It May Concern:

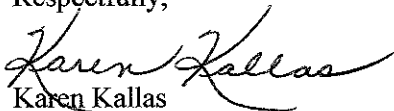
I have known McKenzie Farnsworth for the past three years as a student since she started taking classes at the Birdville Center of Technology and Advanced Learning in the fall of 2010. McKenzie has Taken a coherent sequence of courses from me: Principles of Education and Traing, Instructional Practices in Education and Training, and Practicum in Education and Training. In these courses she has studied teaching theory and practice and interned three days a week at a field site school.

McKenzie has been an VERY active member of the BCTAL chapter of the Texas Association of Future Educators and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. McKenzie has competed at the Region XI TAFE Conference in November. She and her competition partner coauthored and illustrated a book for the Storybook Creation contest. At this writing, she is preparing to compete next weekend for the \$1000.00 scholarship that is attached to this contest. She plans be part of a team that travels to the national Future Educators Association in April to present a workshop to her peers from across the country. In addition to her membership in her CTE student organizations, McKenzie has been an active member of the Birdville High women's varsity gymnastics program through her junior year.

Some exceptional qualities stand out in McKenzie. First, if you look at her resume you will notice that she has been intentional about gaining a lot of experience working with young children. Her experieinces include providing care and teaching little ones at her church, a mission trip which focused on working with abused and neglected children, and babysitting since she was old enough to do so. To add to her bank of experience, it is not uncommon for McKenzie to ask me for permission to stay at her field site during her 7th period (she has an off period) and remain until the later elementary dismissal and help her mentor teacher with planning and preparation duties. Her Gallup StrengthsFinder themes of connectedness, consistency, discipline, empathy, and responsibility explain why she is such a good classroom manager and has established strong relationships with her students in her field site classroom at the Academy at Carrie F. Thomas.

McKenzie's goal is to obtain her early childhood – grade four teaching certification. She will begin her studies at Tarrant County College next fall. As one of four children, she will need assistance with tuition. McKenzie has the natural talent, the drive and desire to be one of those teachers that students don't forget. Her heart for teaching is evident when you visit with her. It is a pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for her.

Respectfully,



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*All students succeed
in a future they create.*

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